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<http://arabic.jerusalem.usconsulate.gov>

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**Thank You!**

## Consul General Michael Ratney Visits Nablus



On August 28, American Consul General in Jerusalem Michael A. Ratney visited Nablus to meet with local officials, business leaders, and other partners of the American Consulate General in Jerusalem.

Consul General Ratney also visited An-Najah University, meeting with President Dr. Rami Hamdallah and touring the American Corner there. He emphasized the importance of the American Corner in helping students learn about American culture and politics and in fostering mutual understanding.

## القنصل الأمريكي العام مايكل راتني يزور نابلس ويسلط الضوء على الدعم السياسي والاقتصادي

قام القنصل الأمريكي العام في القدس مايكل راتني اليوم بزيارة لمحافظة نابلس للقاء مسؤولين محليين وأصحاب المشاريع الاقتصادية وغيرهم من شركاء القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس.

كما زار جامعة النجاح والتقى رئيس الجامعة الدكتور رامي الحمد لله وتجول في الزاوية الأمريكية بالجامعة وأكد على أهمية الزاوية الأمريكية في مساعدة الطلاب على التعرف على الثقافة والسياسة الأمريكية وتعميق التفاهم المتبادل.



## America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to announce the following programs  
at our location on Nablus Road

### Open Hours for the library during September :

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Browse our books and magazines.

Feel free to take a book outside and read in the garden.

## *English Corner*

Come out and practice your English

**Thursday, September 6, 2012, 3:00 PM at America House**

Are you trying to improve your English? Do you find yourself too shy to speak sometimes?

Come to America House and join us for some casual English conversation practice. All levels are welcome – we'll split into groups based on levels. No tests! No quizzes!

For those of you who have a high level of English, we encourage you to come and join us too and help others to improve their English.

**Venue:** America House, U.S. Consulate Building, Nablus Road, Jerusalem

**Time:** Thursday, September 6, 3:00 – 4:30 PM.

**Please Note:** Please bring an ID to show at the door

Please let us know if you can join us for this program by e-mailing [JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov) or by calling 02-563-4029 and leaving a message.

*America House is the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center in East Jerusalem and was established in 2010.*



## MEPI Promotes New Local Grants Cycle in Hebron



On August 27, Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) West Bank/Gaza conducted the first informational session on the 2012/13 MEPI Local Grants cycle in Hebron. The session was hosted by the Children's Happiness Center, a current MEPI local grantee, and was well attended by twenty representatives from local organizations. At the start of the session, MEPI Officer Amy Smith provided an overview of MEPI and the American Consulate General in Jerusalem. MEPI Coordinator Jennifer Billings then discussed the goals of MEPI Local Grants and provided examples of past projects which were both innovative and successful. Lastly, MEPI Administrator Rasha Khatib walked participants through each of the three components of the application. MEPI staff also answered several questions throughout the session, and encouraged participants to apply by the October 31 deadline. For more information, check out the [MEPI local grants page](#) on our website.

## **The Second Annual GIST Tech-I Competition**



The Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) announces 2nd annual GIST Tech-I Competition. Thirty semi-finalists will earn an all-expenses-paid weekend of entrepreneurship training in Dubai this December. The application deadline is September 24, 2012. Click the link to participate.

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### **Webcast (Writing Grant Proposals)**

#### **How to Write a Grant Proposal and Win!**

Do you know how to write a winning grant proposal? View an online discussion featuring Derek Jentzsch, founding partner at BroderickHaight Consulting LLC in California. Derek will share tips on how to write a strong grant proposal and interact online with alumni of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs. This event will be moderated by Dr. Lisa Heilbronn, Director of the Office of Alumni Affairs at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Derek has a unique background in business development, fundraising, strategic planning, and providing operational support to international and domestic non-profit organizations. Along with Dr. Heilbronn, they will be a great resource for anyone interested in learning more about applying for grants. Tune in!

Format: This will be an interactive video webcast with an audio-only option in English. Please click on the URL above to participate.

Details: Date: Thursday, September 6, 2012

Time: 08:30 EDT (12:30 UTC) - 3:30 pm Jerusalem time

URL: <http://conx.state.gov/digital-diplomacy>

(Short URL: <http://goo.gl/q7G6N>)

Audio-only line: +1-202-659-2781, Conference ID: 5004#

## **eJournal USA: The Model UN Experience**



Model United Nations (Model UN) — a simulation where students role-play UN delegates — is more than just an after-school activity. It is an opportunity to change the world. By stepping into the shoes of UN delegates representing their countries' interests to the global community, Model UN participants build the knowledge, skills and relationships needed to build a better global future. Model UN is a transformative experience that deepens participants' understanding of the world and their place within it. Delegates emerge from Model UN with open minds, fresh ideas and new friends. With the skills they develop in speaking, writing, negotiating and diplomacy, it is no surprise that many go on to become community and world leaders. This issue of *eJournal USA* explores how young people all over the world are becoming model global citizens through participation in Model UN.

### What is Model UN? (And Why Should You Care?)

By Nili Sarit Yossinger

No matter what path you choose in life, Model UN can help you get there.

### Acting for Change

By Ryan Kaminski

They may be acting, but Model UN delegates are preparing to make a very *real* impact in the world.

### Model UN Thrives in Argentina

The U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires has been helping Argentine students impersonate American diplomats in Model UN since 1997.

## **WHERE ARE THEY TODAY? MODEL UN ALUMNI IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### Beth Milton: From Role Play to Role Model

U.S. Foreign Service Officer Beth Milton views Model UN as a tool for peace.

### Adrian Rodriguez-Montfort: Passionate About Politics

British Senior Policy Adviser Adrian Rodriguez-Montfort loves the thrill of international negotiation and cooperation.

### Soushiant Zanganehpour: Making It Work

Model UN helped Canadian-Iranian consultant Soushiant Zanganehpour choose a career.

## **GETTING STARTED WITH MODEL UN** [How to Participate in Model UN](#)

Learn how you can get involved with Model UN with these step-by-step instructions!

### Top 10 Reasons to Get Involved with Model UN

Find out why thousands of students participate in Model UN every year.



### **The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The 2013-2014 Humphrey Program**

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is a Fulbright program that brings accomplished young and mid-career professionals with demonstrated leadership potential to the United States for a year of non-degree graduate-level study, leadership development, and professional enrichment. Fellows come from countries in various stages of development or transition. By providing future leaders and policy makers with experience in U.S. society, culture, and professional fields, the program provides a basis for lasting, productive ties between Americans and their professional counterparts overseas. The 2013-2014 Recruitment Guidelines, which may be downloaded from <http://posts.humphreyfellowship.org>

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV to [Exchanges@state.gov](mailto:Exchanges@state.gov) and copy [SirianiMY@state.gov](mailto:SirianiMY@state.gov); call 02-622-7107 for more information

Gaza Applicants: Email CV to Essam Mattar ([emattar@palnet.com](mailto:emattar@palnet.com)); call 08-286-4623 or 059-967-7317 for more information.

#### **Application Deadline and inquiries:**

Please submit application to <http://posts.humphreyfellowship.org/> and send us a copy of your CV by **September 21, 2012.**

### **Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows**

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows maintain full-time residence at the [International Forum for Democratic Studies](#), NED's research arm located in Washington, D.C. Dedicated to international exchange, the program offers a collegial environment for fellows to reflect on their experiences and consider lessons learned; conduct research and writing; develop contacts and exchange ideas with counterparts in Washington, D.C.; and build ties that contribute to the development of a global network of democracy advocates.

The Reagan-Fascell program will host two five-month fellowship sessions in 2013–2014: Fall 2013 Session: October 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014  
Spring 2014 Session: March 1 to July 31, 2014

For information about the application process, please **read through each of the sections** listed in the **Table of Contents on the right**, paying **particular attention** to the sections under [About Us](#) and [Submitting Your Application](#).

Once you have familiarized yourself with this information, you may proceed to our [Online Application System](#), where you will be asked to register and set up a profile in order to begin your fellowship application.

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## International and Regional News

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**Republican Party Formally Nominates Vice Presidential Candidate**

كلمة وليام سي. كيليان في حفل الافتتاح الكبير للمركز الإسلامي في تشاتانوغا

**Nations Come Together for 2012 Paralympics**

بيان للرئيس أوباما عن وفاة نيل آرمسترونغ

**U.S. Attorney at Chattanooga Islamic Center Grand Opening**

مقالة رأي للجنرال ألن حول بناء السلام في أفغانستان

**President Obama on Death of Neil Armstrong**

أولمبياد المعاقين 2012 يعكس روح التآلف والتعاون بين الدول المشاركة

**General Allen on Building Peace in Afghanistan**

**eJournal USA: Youth Votes! The 2012 U.S. Elections**

المجلة الإلكترونية إي جورنال يو إس إيه: أصوات الشباب! الانتخابات الأمريكية لعام 2012